

REMARKS

A petition to withdraw Patent Application 09/313,063 from issue was filed on September 22, 2000. This petition was accompanied by a Continued Prosecution Application and an Information Disclosure Statement. The Petition, despite being properly filed, failed to reach the appropriate deciding official prior to issue of the patent. Accordingly, U.S. Patent No. 6,136,945 to Mestanza issued on October 24, 2000. Subsequently, the Petition to Withdraw from Issue was dismissed as moot.

Applicant then petitioned to have the Continuing Prosecution Application that accompanied the Petition to Withdraw from Issue converted to a Continuing Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). The petition to convert the Continuing Prosecution Application to a Continuing Application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) was granted on January 25, 2002. The Continuing Application was given Serial No. 09/887,698.

Applicant is now amending the pending Continuing Application to properly reflect the relationship its relationship to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/313,063, now U.S. Patent No. 6,136,945.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 7, and 10 have been amended, Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 14 have been cancelled, leaving Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 10-12 for consideration upon entry of this amendment. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0862 maintained by the Assignee.

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A marked up version of the paragraph under the heading CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENTS follows:

[None] This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/313,063, filed May 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,136,945.

A marked up version of claims 1, 7 and 10 follows:

1. A method for finishing polycarbonate produced by reaction in a melt of a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst to produce an intermediate polycarbonate composition, comprising:

combining the intermediate polycarbonate composition with an alkyl tosylate and about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid; and

processing the combination of the intermediate polycarbonate composition, the alkyl tosylate and the phosphorous acid to blend the combination and quench residual basic catalyst present in the intermediate polycarbonate composition.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the liquid carrier is propylene carbonate.

10. An aromatic polycarbonate composition comprising:

an aromatic polycarbonate obtained by reacting a diaryl carbonate and a dihydric phenol in the presence of a basic catalyst in melt;

an alkyl tosylate; and

about 2 ppm to about 6 ppm phosphorous acid.